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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An incoming mail monitoring system, said system comprises: a data base that stores unique information contained in a Postal indicia affixed to mail;

a plurality of recipient addressee units that reads and stores the unique information contained on the mail in the Postal indicia after the mail has been delivered to the recipient; and

a data center that receives information stored by the data base and the recipient's units to identify the mailer to the recipient and assess the possibility of the presence of life-harming material in the mail.

2. (original). The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the data base stores unique information contained in a postal indicia.

3. (original) The system claimed in claim 2, further including a mailer's unit that communicates with the data base and stores in the data base the time and date that the postal indicia was affixed to the mail.

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4. (original) The system claimed in claim 2, wherein the data center correlates the recipient address of the mail with unique information contained in the postal indicia.

5. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the data base stores a unique code contained in a stamp.

6. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the data base stores a unique code contained in a label.

7. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the recipient units include a scanner that reads postal indicia that is affixed to mail.

8. (original) The system claimed in claim 7, wherein the scanner captures and interprets the information contained in the postal indicia.

9. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the recipient units include a scanner that reads a unique code that is contained in a stamp that is affixed to mail.

10. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the recipient units include a scanner that reads a unique code that is contained in a label that is affixed to mail.

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11. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, further including: a plurality of receptacles that reads, stores and communicates to the data center unique information appearing on mail.

12. (original) The system claimed in claim 11, wherein the unique information appearing on mail is stored in the data base.

13. (original) The system claimed in claim 12, wherein the scanner is located in a control chamber.

14. (original) The system claimed in claim 12, wherein the control chamber has a locked door for isolating suspect mail.

15. (original) The system claimed in claim 12, wherein the receptacle further comprises:

an inner chamber that receives mail from the control chamber that is not suspected of having life harming material.

16. (original) The system claimed in claim 12, wherein the inner chamber has a locked door in which when open mail may be removed from the inner chamber.

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17. (original)The system claimed in claim 12, further including a slot for depositing mail into the control chamber.

18. (original)The system claimed in claim 8, further including: means for closing the slot when the mail in the control chamber is suspected of containing life harming substances.

19. (original)The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the recipient' s units comprise: electronic postage units.

20. (original) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the recipient's units comprise personal computer meters.

21. (Previously Presented) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the unique information contained in the postal indicia is a security code.

22. (Previously Presented) The system claimed in claim 21, wherein the security code is obtained from a recipient address field on the mail and information contained in a postage meter that affixed the postal indicia to the mail.